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Inventors: Itoi et al.
Examiner: Wieker, Amanda F.
Art Unit: 3743
Confirmation No.: 4117
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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a response to the restriction requirement dated 11/15/2004.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement dated November 15, 2004, the date of response being December 15, 2004. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for reply. The Examiner required restriction under 35

U.S.C. § 121 between:

Species A as depicted in Figure 1; and

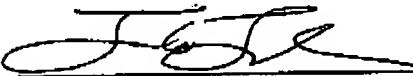
Species B as depicted in Figure 2.

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Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Species B (Figure 2), which corresponds to Claim 4 and Claim 5. Applicant submits the examination of the entire application on its merits would not present a serious administrative burden to the Examiner and therefore respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

The above-discussed remarks are believed to place the present Application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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